

To: Stoner, Nancy[Stoner.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Merritt Frey
Sent: Sun 3/16/2014 8:33:48 PM
Subject: RE: follow up to your meeting with River Network

Hi Nancy! I've followed up with Crystal on the idea of a meeting. In the meantime, here's the most recent email chain about the idea of having the Administrator (or perhaps Bob Perciasepe) speak at Rally.

Thanks, Merritt

From: "Bond, Brian" <Bond.Brian@epa.gov>
Date: March 7, 2014 at 6:47:33 PM EST
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Cc: Joshua Saks <saksj@nwf.org>, Merritt Frey <MFrey@rivernetwork.org>, "Maddox, Donald" <Maddox.Donald@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA pep talk to water advocates May 30-June 2 River Rally 2014, Pittsburgh, PA

We will look into this and circle back.

From: Jan Goldman-Carter <goldmancarterj@nwf.org>
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2014 6:25:04 PM
To: Bond, Brian; Fraser, Scott
Cc: Joshua Saks; Merritt Frey; Maddox, Donald
Subject: EPA pep talk to water advocates May 30-June 2 River Rally 2014, Pittsburgh, PA

Brian and Scott – First – please thank the Administrator for the wonderful job she did rallying the Great Lakes folks on both great lakes restoration AND waters of the US!!

Now onward: As you may recall, we highlighted the great opportunity for the Administrator to rally 700+ water advocates re the waters of the US at the joint River Network-Waterkeepers meeting in Pittsburgh May 30-June 2. Below is the background on that opportunity that we sent to you awhile back.

As we discussed, River Network (Merritt Frey copied here) formally invited the Administrator in February, and you were cc'ed on that invitation, but we just found out that your office respectfully declined. We understand, but we really want to have EPA leadership rallying our troops on waters of the US at this joint conference, so we are wondering if Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe might be available to speak and, if so, how best to arrange for him to do so.

River Network is holding this speaking slot open for waters of the US, so if you can help us line up Bob Perciasepe or if Administrator McCarthy's schedule opens up, please let us know.

Thanks very much,

Jan

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May 30-June 2 River Rally 2014, Pittsburgh, PA www.riverrally.org

On May 30 - June 2, 2014, River Network and the Waterkeeper Alliance will host what we anticipate to be the largest gathering ever of clean water advocates. The event will bring together more than 700 community and watershed leaders from across the country for planning, technical training, collaborative learning, celebration and inspiration. Organizers would welcome Administrator McCarthy to speak on WOTUS and clean water and are looking at Monday June 2 as an available day.

Additional background: The event typically draws a great diversity of nonprofit professionals and volunteers, tribal representatives, government agency staff, public health experts, corporate partners and leaders in the world of philanthropy.

These grassroots leaders are addressing the biggest environmental challenges of our time: ensuring clean water essential to public health, planning for sustainable growth, curbing climate change and reconnecting people to nature.

River Network is leading a national watershed protection movement that includes more than 2,000 local, state and regional grassroots organizations whose primary mission is to protect rivers and watersheds.

Founded in 1999 by environmental attorney and activist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and several veteran Waterkeepers, Waterkeeper Alliance is a global movement of over 200 on-the-water advocates who patrol and protect over 100,000 miles of rivers, streams and coastlines.

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Subject: Re: follow up to your meeting with River Network

Merritt,
Nice to hear from you! Would be happy to talk and to urge Bob P to come to Rally. Please send me the details and I'll send him a note. Re finding a time to talk, I'm copying Crystal, my assistant to help find a time. Looking forward to it,
Nancy

From: Merritt Frey <MFrey@rivernetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2014 6:10:31 PM
To: Stoner, Nancy
Subject: follow up to your meeting with River Network

Hi Nancy. Nicole Silk (River Network's new President) asked me to follow up on some ideas from the meeting she had with you about a month ago. I'm wondering if you have some time in the next week or so on your calendar to talk?

Most specifically, I want to talk about how River Network can connect our Partners with the Waters of the U.S. rulemaking once it is published. As you may know, we invited the Administrator to speak about the rule at Rally but she has declined. Jan Goldman-Carter is helping me circle back to the Administrator's Office to see if Bob might be able to attend and speak about the rule. Jan and I thought you might be helpful in encouraging his participation, or that you might be interested in speaking yourself.

As I understand it Nicole also discussed some ideas related to citizen monitoring and to the potential for an EPA-River Network MOU, so we could follow up on those ideas as well.

It would be nice to catch up! I hope you're well and that winter is loosening its grip on D.C.! Merritt

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